



# Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church  
Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

December 2019

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit, we at FELC experience God through **Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship.**

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## Message from Vicar Lily

People of Faith Evangelical Lutheran at Walworth, WI.,

So far in my young adult life the time of Advent has been busy with college and grad school. The beginning of Advent is usually finals week and once that stress was over I head home for a couple weeks. I would bop between churches: volunteering, visiting and sometimes pulpit supply, rarely in one place for long. Advent was for me about checking off a list and getting to Christmas break.

While growing up we had our family traditions during Advent, starting with our “Charlie Brown” style tree to place our Advent ornaments throughout the season, ending with finding the widest Christmas tree to throw on way too many handmade and precious memories.

As I reflect on starting Advent in a new church, I am beyond excited to be in one place. I am grateful to start new traditions, and be present with the same people. I feel I am able to appreciate this lingering through Advent with a new lens. Advent is now a time of taking a breath, paying attention to my needs as well as the needs around me. Advent is loving the journey while anxiously awaiting the baby savior, with knowledge that the future can be scary but we know we are in good hands.

In a society that allows for so much speedy delivery, instant message and an immediate response, I challenge us to pause more during this Advent season. When is the last time we had to wait for something? What does it feel like to wait? I have to admit that I sometimes order items on Amazon that arrive the next day. Starbucks now has an app that you can order your drink early to just pick it up upon arrival.

As we light the Advent wreath and settle into the season, I invite you to linger with me. Breathe more, stress less and know that we are being held by a powerful God that greets us through our neighbors and meets us in the eyes of a baby in a manger.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Blessings ascending!

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

Also if you want to reach me by the pastor phone, call or text at 262-812-3064, or email at pastor@felcwalworth.com



# WORSHIP



**Wednesday Night Family Worship  
at 6:45 p.m.**

*All are welcome!*



**Senior Choir (All ages welcome)**

Rehearsals: Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.

Worship: 1st Sunday of the month

**CHAOS Choir (7th-12th grade)**

Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Worship: December 15, February 2, February 23,  
April 5, May 17

*Contact Rachel West for more information about  
any of the above choirs.*

**Sunday, December 1:** First Sunday of Advent

- ◆ ELW Setting 10
- ◆ *Volunteer Spotlight*

**Sunday, December 8** Second Sunday of Advent

- ◆ ELW Setting 10
- ◆ Featuring WaterLife

**Sunday, December 15:** Third Sunday of Advent

- ◆ ELW Setting 10
- ◆ Featuring CHAOS Choir
- ◆ Confirmation students sharing retreat reflections

**Sunday, December 22:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ◆ ELW Setting 10
- ◆ Senior Choir present mini-cantata

**Tuesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve

- ◆ 5 pm Christmas Eve worship

**Sunday, December 29:** First Sunday after Christmas

- ◆ Lessons & Carols Service



# Worship Leaders

## December Worship Assistants:

December 1: Pam Christensen  
December 8: Rick Lottig  
December 15: Chad Roehl  
December 22: Kristi Reiersen  
December 29: *Lessons & Carols Service*

## December Ushers:

December 1 : Bruce & Lisa Voss, Terry Schaid  
December 8: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn  
December 15: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family  
December 22: Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik  
December 29: *Lessons & Carols Service*

## December Communion Assistants:

December 1: Pam Christensen, Gail Nelson, Vera Maurer  
December 8: Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Susie Schaid  
December 15: Chad Roehl, John Schwenn, Karen Martinez  
December 22: Vera Maurer, Mary Heyer, Pam Christensen  
December 29: *Lessons & Carols Service - no communion*

## December Counters

December 1: Arnell Jorgensen, Brent Tildahl  
December 8: Grace Churchill, Pam Christensen  
December 15: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
December 22: Grace Churchill, Brent Tildahl  
December 29: Pam Christensen, John Schwenn

## January Worship Assistants:

January 5: Brent Tildahl  
January 12: Penny Gruetzmacher  
January 19: Rick Lottig  
January 26: Liz Hemmerich

## January Ushers:

January 5 : Bruce & Lisa Voss, Terry Schaid  
January 12: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn  
January 19: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Dave & Liz  
Hemmerich  
January 26: Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik

## January Communion Assistants:

January 5: Brent Tildahl, Gail Nelson, John Schwenn  
January 12: Penny Gruetzmacher, Karen Martinez  
Vera Maurer, Chad Roehl  
January 19: Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Chloe Weborg,  
Devin Freymiller  
January 26: Susie Schaid, Gail Nelson, Barb Weborg,  
Pam Christensen

## December Counters

January 5: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
January 12: Grace Churchill, Brent Tildahl  
January 19: Pam Christensen, John Schwenn  
January 26: Grace Churchill, Arnell Jorgensen



**December** — Gail Nelson

**January** — Judi Gorges



If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions,  
please contact the church office.



# Adult Opportunities

This discussion is open to all!  
 Every 3rd Sunday of the month.  
 Come when you can!

**ELCA Social Statements**  
 Sunday, December 15—Education  
 Sunday, January 19 — Not Meeting  
 (please attend Mission Investment Plan review and discussion instead)



**DECORATE**  
 the Church  
**Tuesday, December 3**  
**at 6 p.m.**

**Join us as we prepare the church for the Christmas season.**

**Service Opportunities**

- Ring Bells for Salvation Army
  - Help with Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter
- (Sign up for all opportunities in the gathering space.)

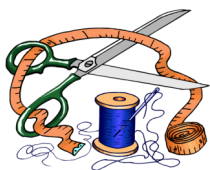
**Potluck Luncheon**

Thursday, December 12  
 at noon



Join us the second Thursday of the month for a delicious meal and fun conversation!  
 Invite a friend.  
 Bring a dish to pass.

## Women of the ELCA



*Faith Sew-ers*

*Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship*

**Wine and Word:** Tuesday, December 3 at 7pm.



We will celebrate the holidays with an evening of hors d'oeuvres and lively conversation. Bring a treat and a holiday tradition to share.

**All Women Welcome.  
 Invite your Friends!**



**Wednesdays at 9:15am**

All women of Faith are invited to share conversations, Christian fellowship and, of course, coffee and goodies. Please join us!



# Children & Youth Opportunities

**Free Breakfast for all High School Students!**  
**Every Thursday morning starting at 7:15**

## Faith Formation Classes Wednesday Evenings

Meal: 5:15  
Fellowship: 5:45  
Class: 6:00  
Worship: 6:45

All students are welcome to join at any time!  
Registration forms can be found at [www.felcwalworth.com](http://www.felcwalworth.com)

Faith Formation students are invited to help the Faith Sew-ers complete quilts. On **Wednesday, December 11** students can come at 4:15 to learn to tie quilts before dinner and class.



## Faithline: Family Faith Formation

**Wednesday, December 4**  
**6:00pm**



Vicar Lily will work with us as we complete our series on the sacrament of Holy Communion

For more information, or to help with any activity, please contact Rebecca Roehl at [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com)



**Confirmation Classes**

7th & 8th grade students meet on Wednesday nights during Faith Formation class time.

Registration forms available on [www.felcwalworth.com](http://www.felcwalworth.com)

**Save the Date!**  
**Middle School multi-church Social**  
**Sunday, January 12**  
**Games and Pizza!**

Late afternoon-early evening  
More information to come.

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 19**

5:00-7:00pm

Bring your friends for meaningful conversation and fun.

We will have pizza and welcome friends from Christ Lutheran in Sharon to this meeting.



**Support our youth attending mission trips and get help with your Christmas baking.**

\$7 per dozen frosted cookies  
\$6 per dozen plain cookies



Preorder cookies in gathering space or by contacting Rebecca Roehl or any high school youth.



- ◆ WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."
- ◆ At the Annual Meeting on January 26 Faith Evangelical Lutheran members will elect new council members and approve the 2020 budget. Please plan to attend. Your voice is important to this church.
- ◆ Ordering Christmas cut-out cookies supports our 3 youth attending the summer 2020 Mission Trip to New Orleans and all 9 active youth eligible to attend the 2020 ELCA Youth Gathering.
- ◆ Due to the timing of school break, the Faith Formation Program will be presenting its annual program on February 2 in honor of Presentation of Our Lord Sunday.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will be hosted at FELC this summer, June 15-19.

# Thank You

- Thank you to the women who provided delicious pies on Thank offering Sunday.
- Thank you to the volunteers who provided food and who spent the night at the Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter.
- Thank you to Kristi Reiersen for chaperoning our students on their Confirmation Retreat.

\*\*If you are interested in being on Church Council, please see any current church council member. \*\*

# Celebrate

## December Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Lisa Voss
- 2 Emily & T.J. Schaid
- 15 Bruce Voss

## December Birthdays

- 4 Brent Tildahl
- 7 Karl Nelson
- 9 Barb Weborg
- 12 Claude Nelson
- 14 Don Shunk
- 15 Marissa Kovarik
- 31 Lindsay Roehl

## December Anniversaries

- 22 Brent & Karla Tildahl



**To report any changes or additions call 275-3445 or email [secretary@felcwalworth.com](mailto:secretary@felcwalworth.com)**

**Members:** Bob Voss, Laurie Collins, Penny Gruetzmacher, Rose Haeni & sons, Matt & Nate, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, the family of Helen Van De Bogert, the Volbrecht Family

**Family & Friends of Members:** Fran Winston (Pam Christensen's sister), Chuck Christenson ( Angie Kynell's father), Kay O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister), Mike O'Toole (Strehlow's brother-in-law), Rick Montag (Kris Strehlow's brother), Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law of Arnell's), Tom Fredrick (Stephanie Freimund's father), Steve Jacobson (Angie Kynell's cousin), Kristi Hugunin (friend of Rachel's), all service men & women, Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bruce Lewis, Jean Null & family, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel's), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), Interim Bishop Peter Rogness & the synod staff, Wim Henebiens & Aria Pierce (friends of Rachel), Miles Kadlec, Madeline Zindrick, Rebecca Blonsky-Nummelin (Rachel's niece), Yvonne Reynolds (friend of Gail Connelly's), Christine Helke-Larsen's son, Glenn Larsen, Nicole Raskin (recovery from surgery), Debbie Maresso (neighbor of Tildahl's), all victims of violence

## LOOKING FORWARD....

*Upcoming important dates and events:*

**Sunday, December 15:** Cookie distribution

**Sunday, December 22:** Choir Cantata

**Tuesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve worship at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, December 29:** Lessons & Carols Worship

**Sunday, January 19:** Mission Investment Plan (budget) review and discussion

**Sunday, January 26:** Annual meeting following worship

**Sunday, February 2:** Faith Formation Presentation of Our Lord Program

# You Can Help

## Join a Committee:

### Stewardship, Learning, Property, Technology, Worship, or Finance

There are several committees at Faith looking for new members with fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining any of the following committees: Stewardship, Learning, Property, Technology, Worship, or Finance, please contact the church office.

We are the church, come and be a part of it!

## Faith Formation Guest Cook

If you are interested in providing a meal one Wednesday evening for our Faith Formation students please see Rebecca or email [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com)

## ADULT MINISTRY:

If you are interested in helping bring in speakers or lead classes for adults in our congregation on any topic you are passionate about please contact Rebecca Roehl at [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com). There are many resources available through the synod and other places to help with these programs.

## Big Foot Area Food Pantry

Donations can be placed in the basket in the gathering space at any time.

## Sentry Receipts

WELCA is always collecting Sentry receipts to help fund special projects. Receipts can be turned into the box in the gathering space.



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## Congregation Council

Executive: Kristi Reiersen, President  
Rick Lottig, Vice President  
Barb Nordmeyer, Secretary

Chad Roehl, Treasurer

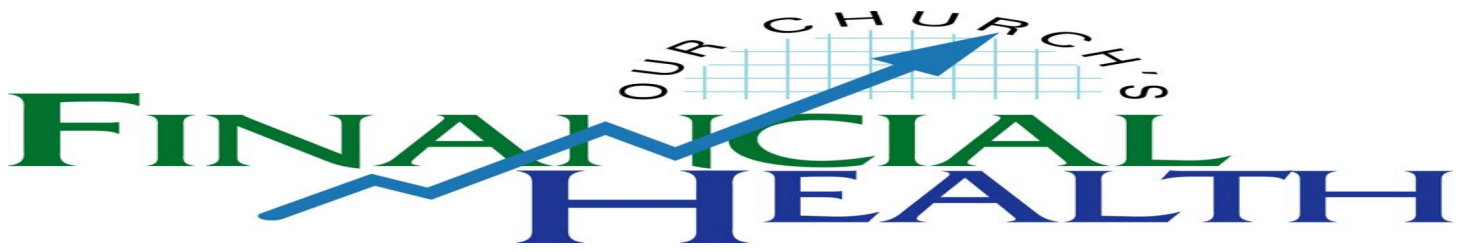
### Committee Liaisons

Finance: Brent Tildahl  
Learning: Amanda Bender, Diane Voss  
Property: Perry Weborg

Stewardship: Tracy Volbrecht  
Technology: Stephanie Freimund  
Worship: Gail Nelson

Congregation Council meetings are held at 7 p.m.  
on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome to attend.





OUR CHURCH'S  
**FINANCIAL**  
**HEALTH**



## **A Message from Pastor Inglett**

### Pastor Inglett's Reflections

There is an old story about a fishing village on the Atlantic Coast in upper New England. As the fisherman returned to the docks after weeks out on the ocean fishing their families were there when they arrived. All except one family. As that fisherman walked into his home, he asked "why weren't you at the docks with rest of the families." His wife replied, "because we were here at home waiting for you." "I appreciate that you were waiting but why weren't you looking", he asked

The Advent readings this month are about looking and not waiting. There is a difference after all. Waiting is passive it is something that happens to you. Looking is active, it anticipates, it something you do. In Advent we are not waiting for Christ to come. We are looking with lamps lit, checking the door every time we hear the slightest noise outside. Advent is a time of good stress, it is a time anticipation and not resignation.

I know this can be confusing because the anxiety of Christmas has turned into what gift will we get or give, how we will get it all done, will we keep it together until Christmas day. There is a lot of anxiety around our preparations for Christmas, none of it has to do with looking for the Christ.

What if we looked for the Christ in Advent? What if all of our Christmas preparations were about looking for Christ, preparing our lives for his arrival? How might this Advent season look for us as a church, for our church families and for our individual lives? I do not have the answers. I do look forward to hearing your experiences of looking for Christ's arrival this Advent.

Advent Peace, Pastor Dick Inglett



### **Staff & Open Door Meetings**

Open Door meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 10& 17.

All are welcome to attend!



Lynn Lottig is our Sunshine Lady!

If you know of someone who might need to be sent a card, please contact Lynn at 262-725-6469